

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

INDIANAPOLIS

August 30, 1972

DATE:

INTRA-DEPARTMENT MEMO

FROM: Robert F. Babcock

TO: Oral H. Hart

SUBJECT: Proposed Landfill in Gary

At 9:30 a.m., August 25, 1972, this writer met with Robert W. Heider, Robert Cotton, and Jackie L. Shropshire, an attorney representing the Beck Road Construction Company, 5915 North Rogers Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, the company owning the subject land. Mr. Shropshire indicated that his client is seeking approval for the use of a 61-acre borrow pit, located within 1/2-mile east of Cline Avenue and 500-feet north of the Grand Calumet River (T36N R9W Section 35 NE5W) as a landfill. The pit is about 12-years old and contains water to a maximum depth of approximately 25-feet and fish life.

Shropshire presented a copy of a Gary City Ordinance dated October 6, 1970, apparently approving the use of the site as a landfill with stipulations.

Cotton indicated that certain tests would have to be performed prior to consideration for approval by the Indiana State Board of Health. One of the tests, core sampling, would involve pumping the pit. Prior to pumping the pit, it would seem that the water's quality would have to be established with laboratory data, and if necessary, the fish removed.

At present, Mr. Shropshire is waiting for this office to approve the pumping of the pit's water to the Grand Calumet River.

This appeared to be a very preliminary meeting in that the only document presented by Shropshire was the copy of the Gary City Ordinance #4489. That is, no specifications were introduced.

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